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MICHAEL BALSAMO, AS WELL AS SEVERAL FAMILY MEMBERS, ARRESTED

List of Excluded Persons (Black Book) member Michael Balsamo, as well as several family members, was arrested this week as a result of a year long investigation conducted jointly by the Gaming Control Board (GCB) and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD).

As a result of the Slot Cheating Investigation involving Balsamo and his family, a search warrant was issued for his residence at 4201 Jasper Avenue in Las Vegas.

Michael Balsamo was arrested by Metro officers on two fugitive warrants out of Texas and Missouri. Balsamo's wife, mother-in-law and stepson were arrested by GCB Enforcement agents at the residence.

Several items were seized as a result of the search, including slot machines, numerous devices used to cheat slot machines and cash. As a result of the search, additional charges will be sought.

Michael Balsamo is a convicted slot cheater and was entered into the State Gaming Control Board/Nevada Gaming Commission List of Excluded Persons on November 18, 1999.

Those arrested:

Michael Joseph Balsamo

AGE: 46

Charges: Fugitive Warrants from Texas and Missouri

Stephanie Balsamo

AGE: 45

Arrested by GCB

Charges: Fugitive Warrants from Texas and Missouri
Use of a Cheating Device (4 cts)
Possession of a Cheating Device (3 cts)
Burglary (3 cts)
Conspiracy to Cheat (3 cts)

Lavonna Hull Wallace

AGE: 68

Charges: Use of a Cheating Device (4 cts.)
Possession of a Cheating Device (3 cts)
Burglary (3 cts)
Conspiracy to Cheat (3cts)

Derrick Joe Bowman

AGE: 24

Charges: Burglary
Fraudulent Acts
Use of a Cheating Device

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